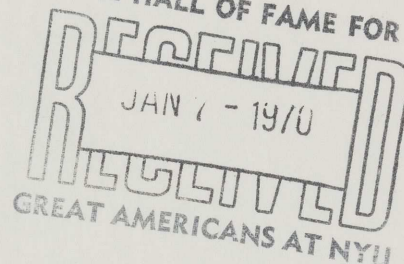


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Gentlemen:

I should respectfully like to nominate Clara Barton for inclusion in the Hall of Fame for Great Americans.

Far ahead of her time she not only saw the need for many of the services we now take for granted, but did what she could to provide them. During the Civil War she carried supplies to soldiers and nursed wounded men on the battlefields with pitifully inadequate equipment. This effort earned her the title of "Angel of the Battlefield." When the war ended she formed and headed a bureau to search for missing men. This bureau marked more than 12,000 graves in the Andersonville National Cemetery.

As a result of serving as a nurse at the battle-front during the Franco-Prussian War, she witnessed the great work of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Europe and on her return home was instrumental in founding the American Red Cross. She was far sighted enough to realize the Red Cross could be useful to civilians as well as soldiers and originated the clause in its constitution providing for relief in calamities other than war. She herself took part in helping during such calamities as the yellow fever epidemic in Florida in 1877, the Johnstown Flood in 1889, and the Galveston flood in 1900. She died in 1912.

If there are some other steps I should take to have her name presented to the electors who vote on these nominations, I would be grateful if you would so inform me.

Yours very truly,

Winifred Gabrielson
(Mrs. Leif Gabrielson)